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THE PIKES PEAK GAY/LESBIAN COMMUNITY CENTER

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FROM THE PRESIDENT: A TURNING POINT FOR THE CENTER

I want to share with our members a tremendous change the center is going through, and to ask for your support as the center makes these changes.

My vision for the center is for it to become an organization--perhaps the leading organization--that will bring the community together and help guide the community's growth over the next several years. I want the center to be a strong, stable, vital, visionary organization that can provide leadership, inspiration, and motivation to the community as a whole. This will not make the center a domineering organization (indeed, no organization could dominate a community as multi-faceted as ours); rather, the center will fulfill its promise to be an organization to which all the members of our community can look with confidence.

In order to accomplish these goals, a major restructuring of the manner in which the center is governed is taking place. The current board of directors is holding a reorganization meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, April 11, in room 212 in Worner Center at Colorado College. A large, diverse, representative, and talented group of people have accepted an invitation to attend that meeting and, hopefully, join the board of directors. These individuals include Deb Contreras, Pam Jones, Margie Duncombe, Nivea Castro Figuero, Richard Blair, Mark Merriman, Martin Meier, Alan Cook, Marion Harrison, Bruce Coriell, Dennis Lujan, and three others whom

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Showcase

FAMILY SUPPORT FOUND WITH P-FLAG

Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (P-FLAG) is a volunteer organization devoted to helping families of gay persons come to greater understanding and achieve an accurate view of homosexuality. The organization is committed to fostering acceptance, love and pride for our gay sons and daughters.

Formed in 1981 in Los Angeles, P-FLAG now has groups and chapters meeting in at least 250 cities. The Colorado Springs group is less than two years old and making efforts to increase membership through community awareness. The social and political climate in the Pikes Peak region makes it imperative that we reach greater numbers of families who have no one to talk to, or any reliable sources of information.

Families of lesbian women and gay men are encouraged to call us to talk, ask questions and especially attend our monthly meetings. Here, participants find a confidential, friendly supportive setting where they can share their concerns with others, and find comfort and reassurance about their gay and lesbian family members. P-FLAG of Colorado Springs offers an open opportunity for families and friends of gay people to learn and grow together. Our purpose is to help, support and inform.

Meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. Usually there is an informative program, time to discuss issues of importance to individuals and social time.

We are in the process of developing a hot line for families to phone and have their call referred to a knowledgeable and empathetic P-FLAG volunteer. In the meantime, for more information, please call 634-2488.

(Pres. letter Cont.)
I'm in the process of contacting. (A few other people were approached but declined due to time constraints.) Including hold over board members John Mark Hild and myself, this will give the center a board of directors of between 14 and 18 people.

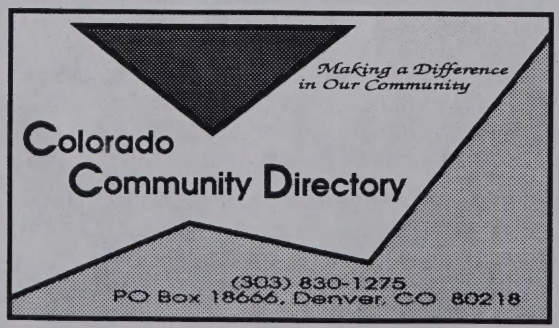
Other changes are being made as well with respect to the center's projects. The staff of both Gayspeak and the Helpline is being increased, and Tony Ortiz and Tami Gaylor have been appointed to the positions of co-coordinators of the Helpline. Rod Fleming remains as editor of *Gayspeak*. Ed Sells and Barb Beckner have stepped down from the board of directors, although both will be able to make significant contributions to the center in other ways.

I want to acknowledge that the new board has been chosen by the existing board, rather than in a membership vote or through designation of representatives by community organizations, as has been done in the past. I believe that, for a number of reasons, this manner of board selection is much more effective than the previous system. This method allows the board to locate, and invite onto the board, some of the best talent in the entire community. This method also allows the board to ensure that its membership is diverse and representative of the community as a whole. Finally, I believe the center's membership, and the community as a whole, are more interested in the center's getting results than in who is sitting on the board of directors. (In the center's last election, (1991) only five votes were cast.) As for the selection of board members in the future, I trust the new board to make the right decision on the issue, and to take the membership's feelings into account.

I believe that the current board's appointment of new board members is valid under the center's bylaws, which provide in Article XI that the bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the board of directors, and what is occurring is essentially a change in the bylaws. (On the other hand, Article III, section 1(b) reserves adoption of amendments to the bylaws "to the exclusive jurisdiction" of the membership, and it is not clear if these provisions can be reconciled.)

I strongly feel that this reorganization is necessary to allow the center to best serve the community's needs. Please let us know whether you agree by sending the center a statement of your feelings, whether in support of, or in opposition to, these changes. Thank you.

--Robin Miller



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From The Editor

As Gay Pride Week approaches, I begin to think of the many things we can take pride in. Just recently an example of our love, compassion and devotion to our fellow gays surfaced close to home.

A woman at work and her lover are involved in the Buddy Program through S-CAP. They have each befriended a person with AIDS. Over a period of about a year and a half, these two ladies have helped out their buddies in many ways. They have run errands for their buddies and have taken these men on outings during the better times. During the times in the hospital or nursing home, these wonderful lesbians visited their buddies at least once a week, making sure to bring that favorite magazine or candy. The women paid their last visits to these men recently, as both men have passed on.

During the time these people had together a great bond was established. It was built on a strong foundation of care and compassion. There are many people in the gay community who give unselfishly of themselves. These are people who give not only from the heart, but also give up a part of their heart to help others. This is something we can, and should, all be proud of. This is just one of the many PRIDE stories that exist in our gay community.

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COLORADO GAY PRIDE FESTIVAL, 1992

With only 14 weeks left until Pridefest 199[illegible] now is the time to get involved. Now is the time to ensure our voice is heard.

Work is currently underway to make this festival a successful, influential and dramatic event. There is an ensemble of giant "puppets" being created to march in this year's parade, each giant puppet will carry a banner from the "quilt."

Beginning in April, there will be a series of eight to ten week community workshops held in both Denver and Colorado Springs, to build and design these giant papier mache puppets. The work created through these workshops will collaborate and participate in both the Denver parade on Sunday, June 28, and the Colorado Springs parade (date to be announced).

The work and fun are just beginning!! Already there are plans for four more National workshops to be held during 1992-1993 in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Denver and New York City. The collective works from these workshops will gather in Washington, DC, on April 25, 1993 for the National March on the Capitol.

Please watch for more information regarding upcoming meetings and fund raising events. For further information or to help with the planning of this event please call Al Laurie at 632-7047.

PRIDE DAY AT ELITCH'S

Elitch's Gardens will once again host a PrideFest bash on Thursday, July 2nd. This is an event for all ages, families and friends. Last year's attendance was over 1500 people. For more information, contact the Gay & Lesbian Community Center of Colorado, P.O. Drawer E, Denver, CO 80218.

Also remember that the GLCCC and the PrideFest committee receive a portion of the tickets they sell, so please buy directly from them.

THE DENVER WOMEN'S CHORUS

It has come to our attention that the Denver Women's Chorus will be presenting a concert at the Teikyo Loretto Heights Theater in Denver, at 8:00 PM on May 9. The concert, "Woman Song," celebrates the significant women in history through a musical exploration. Tickets are $10.00 before May 9, and $12.00 at the door. For more information, call Joan at 495-2049, Laurie at 260-1091 or Alan at 596-4485

The Chorus will also be hosting the "Gala Choruses Festival IV" in Denver during Gay Pride Week. There will be over 3,000 singers and their friends involved in the festival. Watch *GAYSPEAK* for more information on this and other events from the Denver Women's Chorus.

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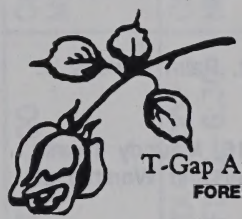

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GENDER IDENTITY CENTER, SOUTHERN CHAPTER

The Southern Chapter of the Gender Identity Center of Colorado has grown since a fledgling start last June. With the local chapter's growth, they have responded to the members' requests and doubled their open meetings. Now meetings are held on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. For more information contact G.I.C. of Southern Colorado, P.O. Box 5553, Colorado Springs, CO 80931, or call Jacquelyn St. Gregory at 390-9301.

(ed. note: I would like to thank Jacquelyn for her nice comments in the GLC Journal. I'm glad the Helpline could assist you in getting this chapter going. If the Center, Helpline or *GaySpeak* can do more, please let us know. Continued good luck to your group.)

METROPOLITAN COMMUNITY CHURCH

Spring has sprung, the grass is....covered with SNOW?!?? Oh, well. This is the season of rejuvenation in the church. With Palm Sunday and Easter on the door step, we have been very busy. The Easter Sunrise Service will be at 6:30 AM in Palmer Park, to be followed by a pot luck brunch. With Easter arriving April 19th this year, the Sunrise Service should be particularly beautiful (and not too cold!). Directions and details are just a call away to either 634-3771 or 391-0110. Easter Festival Service will be held at 5:00 PM at All Souls Unitarian Church with special music by the choir and soloists. Rev. Harrison will be conducting the Services.

The following Church Services will be conducted through the month:

Sunday, April 5, Community Worship at 5:00 PM.

Sunday, April 12, Palm Sunday at 5:00 PM.

Thursday, April 16, Maundy Thursday, Seder Dinner and Worship at 7:00 PM.

Sunday, April 19, Easter Sunday Sunrise Service, 6:30 AM, Palmer Park.

Sunday, April 19, Easter Festival Service, 5:00 PM.

Sunday, April 26, Community Worship at 5:00 PM.

All services, except the Easter Sunrise Service, will be held at All Souls Unitarian Church on the corner of Dale and Tejon Streets.

Some other things going on at MCC are choir rehearsals on April 5th and 12th at 4:00 PM; Board of Directors meeting April 12th at 6:30 PM, and Bible Study on April 1st, 15th and 29th at 7:00 PM. The Bible Study group meets at different locations, so please call MCC at 634-3771 for more information.

Also, DON'T FORGET BINGO! Now on Friday Nights at 7:00 PM and Saturdays at noon, at the 21st Street Bingo, just south of Highway 24 on 21st Street.

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THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE

The first THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE was held March 12. Everyone had a great time at the Pot Luck dinner and enjoyed games and conversation in a coffee house atmosphere afterwards. If you missed the first night, don't miss it again!

The next THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE will be April 9 from 6:30 PM until 10:00 PM; bring a Pot Luck covered dish to share. On April 23rd, just bring yourself, as food will be provided at a nominal cost. So come and join us at this fun new way to meet people and enjoy old friends.

THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE is held every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month from 6:30 to 10:00 PM at All Souls Unitarian Church, on the corner of Dale and Tejon Streets. For more information contact Rev. Marion Harrison at 391-0110. Sponsored by MCC.

COLORADO COURT FUNCTIONS

The United Court of the Rising Sun Empire will have a fund raising dinner on April 6th at the Colorado Grill. The meal will have London Broil as the main course, and at $4.00 per person you can't go wrong!

The Imperial Court of the Rocky Mountain Empire will host their 1992 Coronation, entitled "The Hanging Gardens of Babylon -- The 7th Wonder of the World" in Denver, on April 11, at the Regency Hotel.

For more information on the above two events, contact Lyda Rose at the Hide & Seek.

GAYSPEAK EVENTS CALENDAR

APRIL 1992

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			OTA–7:00 1	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 2	GLAA–8:00 3	GALAUCCS– 6:00 4
MCC–5:00 SCAP Safe Sex Sprint 5	GLAA–8:00 GLASG–5:30 6	BGLACC–6:30 GIC–7:30 7	OTA–7:00 PFLAG–6:30 8	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 9	GLAA–8:00 PPGLCC SHOW ● H & S GTO POTLUCK– 6:00PM 10	LCC–10:30AM POTLUCK PPGLCC BOARD MTG – 9:30AM 11
MCC–5:00 12	GLAA–8:00 GLASG–5:30 13	BGLACC–6:30 14	OTA–7:00 15	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 PPGLCC OPEN FORUM – 7:00 16	GLAA–8:00 PM 17	18
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MCC–5:00 PPUR AWARDS 8:30PM AT HOLIDAY INN CENTRAL 26	GLAA–8:00 GLASG–5:30 27	BGLACC–6:30 28	OTA–7:00 29	CMI–7:30 MRG–7:30 30	GLAA–8:00 May 1	2
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May

CGRA –Colorado Gay Rodeo Association
BGLACC –Bisexual, Gay & Lesbian Alliance: Colo. College
CMI –Count Me In: Meting Location moves
GIC –Gender Identity Center: Meetings ● H & S
GLAA –Gay & Lesbian Alcoholics Anonymous
GLASG –Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Support Group
The Group –The Group: Gay Educators Pot Luck Social
LCC –Lesbians Choosing Children
MCC –Metropolitan Community Church
MRG –Men's Rap Group
NP –New Phazes
OTA –One To Another
PFLAG –Parents & Friends of Lesbians & Gays
SCAP –Southern Colorado Aids Project

Please call phone contacts listed elsewhere in this issue of Gayspeak, or the helpline, for locations of meetings listed in this calendar.

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